

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-5, 21-24, and 38 are pending in this application, with claims 1 and 21 being the independent claims. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, 8-14, and 16 depend from claim 1 and are allowable as being dependent on an allowable claim.

Claim 21, as amended, recites similar limitations as claim 1, and is allowable for at least the reasons given above for claim 1.

Claims 22-24 and 38 depend from claim 21 and are allowable as being dependent on an allowable claim. New claim 38 recites subject matter similar to claim 7.

Based on the above Amendment, the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Claims 6 and 7 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Both independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 6. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 21 are now allowable. As this amendment places all claims in allowable form, entry is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arranged for such an interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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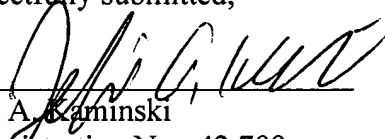
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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